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**Update for the Noncommunicable Diseases Rulemaking
Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 4, Articles 1 through 5**

The Department has implemented A.R.S. §§ 36-133, 36-606, 36-1673, and 36-1675 in 9 A.A.C. 4, Articles 1 through 5. Articles 1, 4, and 5 have been amended during the last few years in separate rulemakings, and definitions have been added to Articles to make clear the meaning of terms used in the Articles. Articles 2 and 3 have not been amended since a five-year review report approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council in 2004. Some terms defined in these rules are used in more than one Article in 9 A.A.C. 4.

This rulemaking will:

- Move terms used consistently in more than one Article in 9 A.A.C. 4 into Article 1;
- Add or amend definitions; and
- Clarify requirements in Articles 2 and 3.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a Web Page for the rulemaking. Draft rules are posted on the Department's website for informal public comment.

Stakeholders can communicate their issues and concerns **by January 30, 2009**, to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1230, or by fax at 602-364-1150.